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#### (57) Abstract

A polypeptide fragment or analog of CD26 capable of disrupting the naturally-occurring binding interaction between CD45 and CD26, and a method of screening such compounds to identify compounds capable of inhibiting the binding of CD26 to CD45, which method includes the steps of: a) providing a first and a second sample of cells expressing both CD26 and CD45; b) incubating the first sample in the presence of a candidate compound; c) incubating the second sample in the absence of the candidate compound; d) generating a first immunoprecipitate by adding to the first sample a first aliquot of an anti-CD26 antibody; e) generating a second immunoprecipitate by adding to the second sample a second aliquot of the antibody; and f) determining whether the amount of CD45 present in the first immunoprecipitate is less than the amount of CD45 present in the second immunoprecipitate, the presence of a lesser amount of CD45 in the first immunoprecipitate than in the second immunoprecipitate indicating that the candidate compound inhibits the binding.

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HUMAN CD26 AND METHODS FOR USE

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Background of the Invention

The field of the invention is human T cell 10 activation antigens.

CD26 is a human T cell activation antigen originally identified by its reactivity with the monoclonal antibody Ta1 (Fox et al., *J. Immunol.* 133:1250, 1984). CD26 has recently been shown to be 15 identical to human dipeptidyl peptidase IV (EC 3.4.14.5) (Ulmer et al., *Scand. J. Immunol.* 31:429, 1990; Barton et al., *J. Leukocyte Biol.* 48:291, 1990). Dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPPIV) is a serine exopeptidase which is capable of cleaving x-proline or x-alanine (where x is 20 any amino acid) from the amino terminus of certain peptides.

CD26 is recognized by a second monoclonal antibody, anti-1F7 (Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 143:3430, 1989). Dang et al. (*J. Immunol.* 144:4092, 25 1990) report that solid phase-immobilized anti-1F7 mAb is capable of inducing proliferation of human CD4<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes in conjunction with submitogenic doses of anti-CD3 or anti-CD2 antibodies. They suggest that the CD26 antigen is involved in CD3- and CD2-induced human 30 CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell activation.

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Summary of the Invention

In one aspect, the invention features a polypeptide fragment of CD26 lacking amino acid residues 3-9 of the latter sequence. (By "fragment" is meant a portion of CD26 that represents at least 50 consecutive residues of CD26. Such a fragment will preferably represent at least 100 residues of CD26, more preferably at least 200, and most preferably at least 500; it preferably includes the DPPIV active site residues at residues 627-631.) Such a fragment, in which the amino acid residues to the carboxy terminal side of residue 37 are preferably intact, is encoded by the nucleic acid sequence shown as CD26 $\Delta$ 3-9 (SEQ ID NO: 2). In preferred embodiments, the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence substantially identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2; the polypeptide is soluble under physiological conditions; and the polypeptide is substantially pure. Also within the invention is the product of signal peptidase proteolytic cleavage of this polypeptide, which would be a form of CD26 lacking residues 1-34, 1-35, 1-36, or 1-37.

In another aspect, the invention features a polypeptide fragment of CD26 lacking residues 24-34 of the latter sequence. Such a fragment, in which the amino acid residues to the carboxy terminal side of residue 37 are preferably intact, is encoded by the nucleic acid sequence shown as CD26 $\Delta$ 24-34 (SEQ ID NO: 3). In preferred embodiments, the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3; the polypeptide is soluble under physiological conditions; and the polypeptide is substantially pure. Also within the invention is the product of signal peptidase proteolytic cleavage of this polypeptide, which would be a form of CD26 lacking residues 1-34, 1-35, 1-36, or 1-37.

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In a related aspect, the invention features a plasmid encoding a polypeptide fragment of CD26 having an amino acid sequence substantially identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 (CD $\Delta$ 3-9) or 3 (CD $\Delta$ 24-34); 5 this plasmid preferably includes an expression control sequence.

Polypeptide fragments of CD26 which are soluble under physiological conditions generally lack most or all of the hydrophobic amino acid residues found near the 10 amino terminus of the polypeptide depicted in SEQ ID NO: 1. This can be accomplished by genetically manipulating a nucleic acid encoding CD26 to delete the hydrophobic residues, or to delete enough of the N-terminal amino acids (e.g., residues 3-9 or 24-34) to leave the 15 resulting polypeptide susceptible to cleavage by signal peptidase. Other fragments of CD26 which are within the invention include those in which all or part of the putative dipeptidyl aminopeptidase catalytic site (Gly<sub>627</sub> to Gly<sub>631</sub>) is deleted. Such fragments, which include 20 inter alia the deletion mutant shown in Fig. 15 (SEQ ID NO: 11); fragments having additional deletions such as those in  $\Delta$ 3-9 (SEQ ID NO: 2) and  $\Delta$ 24-34 (SEQ ID NO: 3); and those missing the entire signal peptide region up to Ala<sub>35</sub>, Thr<sub>36</sub>, Ala<sub>37</sub> or Asp<sub>38</sub>, would constitute 25 enzymatically inactive fragments of CD26 useful in the screening assays of the invention, as well as for inhibiting complex formation between CD26 and/or CD45 and p43. Along the same lines, a mutant form of CD26 (or a fragment thereof) which lacks DPPIV activity can be 30 generated by replacing one of the residues in the active site with a different amino acid (e.g., by replacing Ser<sub>629</sub> with Ala).

By "substantially pure" is meant a polypeptide or protein which has been separated from biological 35 macromolecules, (e.g., other proteins, carbohydrates,

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etc.) with which it naturally occurs. Typically, a protein or polypeptide of interest is substantially pure when less than 25% (preferably less than 15%) of the dry weight of the sample consists of such other

5 macromolecules.

By "physiological conditions" is meant an aqueous solution, whether *in vivo* or *in vitro*, having a pH and salt concentration similar to that found in serum.

10 Phosphate buffered saline is an example of a commonly used buffer in which a polypeptide that is soluble under physiological conditions would be soluble.

By "substantially identical to CD26" is meant that at least 80%, preferably at least 90%, more preferably at least 95%, most preferably at least 99%, of the amino acid sequence is identical to that of the corresponding portion of CD26, and any non-identical amino acids in the sequence are amino acid substitutions, preferably conservative, which do not eliminate the biological activity of the molecule.

20 By "plasmid" is meant an extrachromosomal DNA molecule which includes sequences that permit replication within a particular host cell.

By "expression control sequence" is meant a nucleotide sequence which includes recognition sequences 25 for factors that control expression of a protein coding sequence to which it is operably linked. Accordingly, an expression control sequence generally includes sequences for controlling both transcription and translation: for example, promoters, ribosome binding sites, repressor 30 binding sites, and activator binding sites.

In another aspect, the invention features a polypeptide fragment of CD26 capable of disrupting the naturally-occurring binding interaction between CD45 and CD26. Polypeptides which disrupt the interaction between

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CD26 and CD45 can be identified, for example, using the immunoprecipitation assay described below.

In another aspect, the invention features a method for screening candidate compounds to identify compounds capable of inhibiting the binding of CD26 to CD45, which method includes the steps of:

- (a) providing a first and a second sample of cells expressing both CD26 and CD45;
- (b) incubating the first sample in the presence of 10 a candidate compound;
- (c) incubating the second sample in the absence of the candidate compound;
- (d) generating a first immunoprecipitate by adding to the first sample a first aliquot of an anti-CD26 15 antibody;
- (e) generating a second immunoprecipitate by adding to the second sample a second aliquot of the antibody; and
- (f) determining whether the amount of CD45 present 20 in the first immunoprecipitate is less than the amount of CD45 present in the second immunoprecipitate, the presence of a lesser amount of CD45 in the first immunoprecipitate than in the second immunoprecipitate indicating that the candidate compound inhibits the 25 binding.

As used herein, an anti-CD26 antibody is one capable of forming a specific immune complex with CD26, i.e., the antibody binds directly to CD26 but does not substantially bind directly to other molecules in the 30 assay of the invention.

In another aspect, the invention features a method for screening candidate compounds to identify compounds capable of inhibiting the binding of CD26 to CD45, which method includes the steps of:

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- (a) providing a first and a second sample of cells expressing both CD26 and CD45;
- (b) incubating the first sample in the presence of a candidate compound;
- 5 (c) incubating the second sample in the absence of the candidate compound;
- (d) generating a first immunoprecipitate by adding to the first sample a first aliquot of an anti-CD45 antibody;
- 10 (e) generating a second immunoprecipitate by adding to the second sample a second aliquot of the antibody; and
- (f) determining whether the amount of CD26 present in the first immunoprecipitate is less than the amount of
- 15 CD26 present in the second immunoprecipitate, the presence of a lesser amount of CD26 in the first immunoprecipitate than in the second immunoprecipitate indicating that the candidate compound inhibits the binding.
- 20 In another aspect, the invention features a monoclonal antibody which, when contacted under physiological conditions with a cell (preferably a eukaryotic cell such as a mammalian cell) expressing CD26 and CD45, interferes with the association of CD26 and
- 25 CD45; and a method for assaying for such an antibody.
- In yet another aspect, the invention features a method which includes:
  - (a) providing a cell which expresses CD45 on its surface; and
  - 30 (b) introducing into the cell a nucleic acid encoding CD26, such that the cell expresses CD26 on its surface.
- In yet another aspect, the invention features a method which includes:

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(a) providing a cell which expresses CD26 on its surface; and

(b) introducing into the cell a nucleic acid encoding CD45, such that the cell expresses CD45 on its 5 surface.

In other aspects, the invention includes a cell transfected with a nucleic acid encoding CD26, the cell expressing both CD26 and CD45 on its surface; and a cell transfected with a nucleic acid encoding CD45, the cell 10 expressing both CD26 and CD45 on its surface. In preferred embodiments, the cells are T-cells such as Jurkat cells.

In another aspect, the invention features a method which includes:

15 (a) providing a cell which expresses neither CD26 nor CD45 on its surface; and  
(b) transfecting the cell with a nucleic acid encoding CD26 and a nucleic acid encoding CD45.

In yet another aspect, the invention includes a 20 method of generating a hybridoma cell, which method includes:

(a) providing a cell transfected with nucleic acid encoding CD26, such that the cell expresses CD26 on its surface;  
25 (b) using the cell as an antigen to induce an immune response in a subject animal; and  
(c) fusing a B lymphocyte from the subject animal with a cell from an immortal cell line (i.e., a line of cells which can be maintained indefinitely in culture) to 30 produce a hybridoma cell.

In a related aspect, the invention features a hybridoma cell generated by:

(a) providing a cell transfected with nucleic acid encoding CD26, such that the cell expresses CD26 on its 35 surface;

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- (b) using the cell as an antigen to induce an immune response in a subject animal; and
- (c) fusing a B lymphocyte from the subject animal with a cell from an immortal cell line to produce a hybridoma cell, wherein the hybridoma cell produces a monoclonal antibody specific for CD26. Applicable methods of inducing an immune response in an animal by using cells as the antigen, and fusing B lymphocytes with immortal cells to produce hybridoma cells, are well known to those of ordinary skill in the art of making hybridomas. The resulting hybridomas are then cloned and screened for production of monoclonal antibodies which bind to cells expressing the CD26 antigen, but not to identical cells which do not express the CD26 antigen.
- 15 Also within the invention are cell-free preparations of CD26, or a fragment thereof, complexed with CD45, or a fragment thereof. Such complexes may be conveniently prepared by recombinant expression of each of the relevant polypeptides in a manner that prevents their being anchored to the cellular membrane (e.g., by use of a soluble fragment of each), or by isolation of the full-length proteins from a cell membrane preparation, and by combining the two polypeptides to form the desired complex either before or after removal of contaminating cellular constituents. Such complexes would be useful, e.g., for generating monoclonal antibodies specific for the complex, and for screening for compounds capable of interfering with the association of CD26 and CD45.
- 20 30 Also within the invention are purified preparations of p43, a 43 kDa molecule which, like CD45, associates with CD26 in cells and therefore is thought to play a role in T cell activation, and cell-free preparations of CD26 (or a fragment thereof) complexed with p43 (or a fragment thereof). The screening assay

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described above for compounds capable of inhibiting the interaction of CD26 and CD45 can be readily adapted to detect compounds (including fragments of CD26 or p43) capable of inhibiting the interaction of CD26 and p43.

- 5       Also within the invention is a therapeutic composition containing a fragment of CD26 (e.g., water-soluble CD26), in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier (e.g., saline or any aqueous or nonaqueous substance which is suitable for injection), or intact CD26
- 10      incorporated into a liposomal preparation or other carrier substance suitable for a polypeptide such as CD26. Such a therapeutic composition can be used in a method for modulating the immune response of a patient (e.g., enhancing the immune response of an
- 15      immunosuppressed patient) by administering the composition by any appropriate means to the patient. It is expected to be particularly useful for the treatment of immunosuppression in a patient infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and having AIDS or AIDS-related complex, but may also be used where the patient's immune system is depressed as a result of treatment with an immunosuppressive compound, or acquired immunodeficiency of undetermined etiology, or congenital immunodeficiency.
- 20      The compounds of the invention are, when combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, also useful as vaccine adjuvants, to be administered to an individual vaccinee in conjunction with (i.e., immediately before, after, or along with) a vaccine antigen in order to
- 25      enhance the immune response produced by such antigen. Examples of vaccine antigens which may be used with the adjuvant of the invention include those containing chemically inactivated or genetically engineered viral or bacterial products, such as diphtheria or pertussin

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toxoid or recombinant viral proteins, and those containing live but attenuated virus or bacteria.

The assays described herein may be used to screen candidate immunosuppressive compounds by a method including the steps of (a) contacting a lymphocyte with CD26 or a fragment of CD26 in the presence of a candidate compound, and (b) determining whether the candidate compound inhibits the CD26-induced proliferation of the lymphocyte, such inhibition being an indication that the candidate compound has immunosuppressive activity. The assays may instead be used to screen CD26 fragments for immunostimulatory activity. One such assay would include the following steps: (a) contacting a lymphocyte with a candidate CD26 fragment, and (b) determining whether the fragment increases the rate of proliferation of the lymphocyte, such increase being an indication that the fragment has immunostimulatory activity. Alternatively, one could simply assay the fragment for dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity, such activity being an indication that the fragment has immunostimulatory activity.

Also within the invention is a solid matrix material (e.g. Affi-Gel™ (Bio-rad)) to which CD26 or a fragment thereof is attached.

CD26 is known to play a role in T cell activation. By interfering with the normal functioning of CD26, one can control the process of T cell activation, and thus prevent such unwanted immune responses as transplant rejection and certain autoimmune diseases. The information disclosed herein concerning proteins with which CD26 associates on the T cell provides the means for designing and screening compounds that interfere with CD26 function in the cell.

Other features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following detailed description, and from the claims.

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Detailed Description

The drawings are first briefly described.

Drawings

Fig. 1 depicts the nucleotide sequence and deduced  
5 amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:1) of the cDNA clone for  
human CD26.

Fig. 2 depicts the results of an indirect  
fluorescence staining assay.

10 Fig. 3 is a pair of photographs of gels  
illustrating the results of immunoprecipitation analysis  
(panel A) and enzymatic activity analysis (panel B).

Fig. 4 is a set of graphs depicting the results of  
a  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization assay.

15 Fig. 5 is a graph illustrating the effect of  
various treatments on interleukin-2 production.

Fig. 6 is a photograph of a gel illustrating the  
results of immunoblotting analysis.

Fig. 7 depicts the results of FACS analysis.

20 Figs. 8-12 are photographs of gels illustrating  
the results of immunoprecipitation assays.

Fig. 13 is a representation of the amino acid  
sequence of CD26 in which the deleted amino acids of  $\Delta 3-9$   
(SEQ ID NO: 2) are indicated by a box, and the probable  
proteolytic cleavage sites of the signal peptidase are  
25 indicated by arrows.

Fig. 14 is a representation of the amino acid  
sequence of CD26 in which the deleted amino acids of  $\Delta 24-$   
34 (SEQ ID NO: 3) are indicated by a box, and the  
probable proteolytic cleavage sites of the signal  
peptidase are indicated by arrows.  
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Fig. 15 depicts the amino acid sequence of a CD26  
fragment lacking a portion of the carboxy terminal region  
of CD26 (SEQ ID NO: 11).

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Fig. 16 is a graph illustrating the effect of soluble CD26, soluble CD45, and soluble CD4 on PBL proliferation.

Sequencing and Characterization of CD26

5 Described below is the cloning and sequencing of a full-length CD26 cDNA. Also described are a series of experiments which demonstrate that: (1) modulation of CD26 from the surface of T lymphocytes leads to enhanced CD3 $\zeta$  phosphorylation and increased CD4-associated p56<sup>lck</sup> 10 tyrosine kinase activity; (2) CD26 is comodulated with CD45; and (3) CD26 and CD45 are closely associated.

Cells and Antibodies

Human peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC), E rosette-positive cells and PHA-activated T cells for 15 use in the experiments described below were prepared as follows. Human PBMC were isolated from healthy volunteer donors by Ficoll-Hypaque density gradient centrifugation (LKB Biotechnology, Inc., Piscataway, NJ). Unfractionated mononuclear cells were separated into E 20 rosette-positive (E+) and E rosette-negative (E-) populations, and the E+ cells were depleted of contaminating monocytes as described (Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 134:3762, 1985; Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 134:1508, 1985; Matsuyama et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 170:1133, 25 1989). These T cells were used for experiments involving T cells in this report. E+ cells were stimulated with PHA (0.25  $\mu$ g/ml) and rIL-2 (40 U/ml) for 7 days in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% human AB serum, 4mM L-glutamine, 25 mM HEPES buffer, 0.5% sodium bicarbonate, 30 and 1% penicillin/streptomycin (culture medium) and used as PHA blasts. The monoclonal antibodies used were anti-CD26 (Ta1/4EL-1C7, IgG<sub>1</sub>; 1F7, IgG<sub>1</sub>; 5F8, IgG<sub>1</sub>), and anti-CD3 (T3/RW24B6; IgG<sub>2b</sub>) (Fox et al., *J. Immunol.* 133:1250, 1984; Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 143:3430, 1989; 35 Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 134:3762, 1985). Anti-CD29

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(4B4; IgG<sub>1</sub>) (Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 134:3762, 1985) was used as an isotype-matched control throughout.

Isolation of a CD26 cDNA

To isolate a CD26 cDNA, a cDNA library was 5 constructed from mRNA isolated from human PHA-activated T cells using the CDM7 vector. Briefly, poly(A)<sup>+</sup> RNA was prepared from 4-day-old PHA-activated T cells by the guanidinium isothiocyanate method (Chirgwin et al., *Biochem.* 18:5294, 1979), and an expression library was 10 prepared as previously described, except that the vector CDM7, a precursor to CDM8 lacking polyoma sequences, was employed (Aruffo et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 84:8573, 1987; Seral et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 87:3365, 1987). Recombinant hybrid plasmids were 15 transfected into COS cells, and CD26 expressing cells were immunoselected with the monoclonal antibody, anti-Ta1 (Aruffo et al., *supra*; Seed et al., *supra*). Reactive cells were retained on antibody coated dishes, and plasmids were recovered from transfected cells. Plasmid 20 DNAs were further selected by three additional rounds of transfection and immunoselection. Two of eight clones thus isolated were found to encode anti-Ta1 reactive determinants. The two clones were identical by restriction enzyme fragment mapping.

25 Sequencing of both strands of the isolated 2.9 kb CD26 cDNA by the dideoxy sequencing method revealed a 2298 base pair open reading frame beginning with an ATG at nucleotide 11 which conforms to consensus translational initiation sites (Fig. 1). The deduced 30 CD26 structure is a 766 amino acid residue polypeptide with a molecular weight of approximately 88,300 (SEQ ID NO: 1).

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Predicted Structure of CD26

The predicted CD26 polypeptide has a single stretch of hydrophobic amino acids in the N-terminal region between residues 7 and 28 (Fig. 1, boxed), which 5 is sufficiently long and hydrophobic to span a lipid bilayer (Davis et al., *Cell* 41:607, 1985). The sequence is preceded by six N-terminal residues which contain polar and charged residues, and is followed by charged residues that would not allow cleavage by signal 10 peptidase (von Heijne, *Nucl. Acids Res.* 14:4683, 1986). This sequence thus has the characteristics of a signal sequence of a type II membrane protein, which serves both to direct the translocation of the nascent protein across the membrane of the rough endoplasmic reticulum, and to 15 anchor the mature protein in the membrane (Hong et al., *supra*, 1990; Shipp et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 85:4819, 1988; Thomas et al., *J. Clin. Invest.* 83:1299, 1989). Furthermore, the fact that potential N-glycosylation sites are located in the carboxy side of 20 the hydrophobic core (Fig. 1, short underlines) suggests that CD26 is a type II membrane protein. Therefore, the N-terminal 6 amino acid residues are predicted to be cytoplasmic, and the next 22 amino acids, which are primarily hydrophobic, are predicted to transverse the 25 cytoplasmic membrane. The 738 C-terminal amino acids constitute the predicted extracellular domain of CD26.

The predicted extracellular domain of CD26 may be conveniently divided into three regions: an N-terminal glycosylated region (residues 29 to 323), a relatively 30 cysteine-rich middle section (residues 324 to 551), and a C-terminal region (residues 552 to 766) (Fig. 1). The N-terminal region contains 8 of the 10 potential attachment sites for N-linked glycans (Fig. 1, short underlines) (Marshall, *Ann. Rev. Biochem.* 41:673, 1972), and one of 35 the 12 cysteine residues (Fig. 1, asterisks). In

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contrast, the subsequent cysteine-rich section contains 9 cysteines but only one N-linked glycosylation site. The C-terminal region contains two cysteines, one N-linked glycosylation site and a potential catalytic site (Fig. 5 1, double underline), the sequence G-W-S-Y-G at position 627 to 631. This sequence fits the consensus G-X-S-X-G found in the active sites of serine proteases and esterases, although tryptophan and tyrosine flanking the catalytic serine are unusual residues at these positions 10 (Brenner, *Nature* 334:528, 1988).

Homology with the Other Proteins.

The predicted amino acid sequence of the human CD26 antigen (SEQ ID NO: 1) is 85% homologous to the deduced rat DPPIV enzyme sequence predicted from cDNAs 15 isolated from rat liver and kidney libraries.

Considering this high degree of homology and the fact that anti-Tai antibody reacts with human liver and kidney epithelium (Mobius et al., *Exp. Immunol.* 74:431, 1988), the DPPIV enzyme present in those tissues is probably the 20 functional counterpart of the CD26 antigen. This high degree of homology also supports the prediction of the membrane topology of CD26, because rat DPPIV has been shown to be a type II membrane protein (Hong et al., *supra* 1990).

25 Aside from the signal sequence, the greatest homology between rat (Ogata et al., *supra*) and human CD26/DPPIV proteins is in the C-terminal region, which includes the putative catalytic site. In fact, the sequences are identical from residues 624 to 724, and 94% 30 homologous from residues 552 to 766. This C-terminal region is 46% homologous to a region of the predicted yeast aminopeptidase B (DPAPB) sequence (Roberts et al., *J. Cell. Biol.* 108:1363, 1989). Further, CD26 amino acid residues 107 to 233 are 36% homologous to DPAPB. The 35 yeast DPAPB enzyme is also a type II membrane dipeptidyl

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aminopeptidase, and is involved in the maturation of the yeast pheromone alpha factor. The putative catalytic sequence G-W-S-Y-G is conserved between human and rat CD26/DPPIV and yeast DPAPB.

- 5 Recently the structures for CD10 and CD13 were determined by cDNA cloning (Shipp et al., *supra*, Thomas et al., *supra*). These antigens are ectoenzymes which have neutral endopeptidase [EC. 3.4.24.11] and aminopeptidase N [EC. 3.4.11.2] activities, respectively.
- 10 Although CD10 and CD13 are also type II membrane proteins, there is no significant sequence homology between these enzymes and CD26.

Although the CD26 antigen is known to be a functional collagen receptor (Dang et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 172:649, 1990), a homology search did not find significant homology with any other known collagen-binding proteins such as fibronectin, CD11b and the integrins.

Characterization of CD26 Antigen expressed on Transfected Jurkat Cells

To characterize the cDNA-encoded CD26 antigen, the human T cell leukemia line, Jurkat, was transfected with the expression plasmid pSR $\alpha$ 26, in which the CD26 cDNA was placed under the control of the SR $\alpha$  promoter. Briefly, the CD26 cDNA insert was cloned into the *Pst*I and *Eco*RI sites of the plasmid pCDL $\alpha$ 296 (Takebe et al., *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 8:466, 1988) by blunt-end ligation to create the CD26 expression plasmid, pSR $\alpha$ -26. pSR $\alpha$ -26, digested with *Sall*, and pSV2neo-SP (confers neomycin resistance to host cells; Streuli et al., *EMBO J.* 8:787, 1989), digested with *Pvu*I, were used to co-transfect Jurkat cells according to Streuli et al. (*supra*). Transfectants were initially selected in RPMI1640 supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum, 4mM glutamine and 1.0 mg/ml Geneticin (Gibco/BRL, Bethesda, MD). Subsequently, the

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concentration of Geneticin was gradually decreased to 0.25 mg/ml during the selection period. Geneticin-resistant clones were further screened for CD3 and CD26 antigen expression by cell-surface staining as described 5 below. Transfectants were maintained in the above medium containing 0.25 mg/ml Geneticin.

Staining of cell surface antigens with monoclonal antibodies and flow cytometry analyses using an EPICS V cell sorter (Coulter) were performed as described by Dang 10 et al. (*J. Immunol.* 144:4092, 1990).

Parental Jurkat cells do not express detectable amounts of the CD26 antigen as determined by cell surface staining (Fig. 2), or by a binding assay with radiolabeled Tal monoclonal antibody. Northern blotting 15 analysis revealed that this cell line also does not express CD26 mRNA even after phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA) treatment, which is known to induce CD26 expression (Dang et al., *J. Immunol.* 145:3963, 1990).

Referring to Fig. 2, the Jurkat-CD26 transfectant 26.C28 20 had high expression of the CD26 antigen. On the other hand, another Jurkat-CD26 clone, 26.24, expressed only moderate levels of the antigen. Both transfectants were reactive with three anti-CD26 monoclonal antibodies (Tal, 1F7, and 5F8) which define three distinct CD26 antigen 25 epitopes.

To study whether the CD26 antigen expressed on Jurkat T cell lines had the same characteristics as that on peripheral blood lymphocytes, immunoprecipitation experiments were carried out.

30 Briefly, cell surface proteins were labelled with lactoperoxidase-catalyzed iodination as described by Morimoto et al., (*J. Immunol.* 143:3430, 1989). Immunoprecipitations (employing an NP-40 lysis buffer) using 1F7 monoclonal antibody were performed as described 35 by Morimoto et al. (*supra*, 1989). Immunoprecipitated

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proteins were separated by 8% SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions.

Referring to Fig. 3 (panel A), 1F7 monoclonal antibody immunoprecipitated a 110 kDa protein from the 5 CD26 transfected Jurkat cells (lanes 2 and 3) as well as from PHA blasts (lane 4). There was no detectable 110 kDa band in nontransfected (lane 1) and vector-only transfected Jurkat cells. Control anti-4B4 monoclonal antibody immunoprecipitated a comparable amount of 130 10 kDa protein from each of the cell lines. Interestingly, 1F7 immunoprecipitated an additional 43 kDa protein from both transfectants and PHA blasts. Similar results were observed using peripheral blood T cells. This 43 kDa protein may contribute to T cell activation through its 15 association with CD26.

DPPIV enzymatic activity was measured using an Enzyme Overlay Membrane system (EOM, Enzyme System Products, Dublin, CA). Briefly, lysates were incubated with SDS sample buffer for 1 hr at room temperature and 20 separated by SDS-PAGE under non-reducing conditions. Following electrophoresis, the EOM moistened with 0.5M Tris-HCl, pH 7.8, was placed on the surface of the gel and this sandwich was incubated for 20 min in a humidified box at 37°C. The reaction was monitored by 25 long wavelength ultraviolet light. Referring to Fig. 3, panel B, DPPIV enzymatic activity was associated with a 160 kDa protein in both transfectants (lanes 2 and 3) and PHA blasts (lane 4), but not in parental Jurkat cells (lane 1), or vector-only transfected cells. It should be 30 noted that the DPPIV enzyme activity was stable in both non-reducing and reducing conditions but disappeared after boiling of the samples. While the apparent molecular weight of CD26 was 160,000 for preparations that were not boiled prior to electrophoresis, the 35 molecular weight of CD26 antigen was 110,000 if the

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protein was boiled prior to SDS-PAGE analysis. Similar results have been reported for rat hepatocyte DPPIV (Walburg et al., *Exp. Cell. Res.* 158:509, 1985). Taken together, the above-described results indicate that the 5 CD26 antigen expressed on the transfected Jurkat cells was the same as that on peripheral blood T cells.

Functional Analysis of CD26 Antigen on Jurkat

Transfectants

To determine whether the CD26 antigen expressed on 10 transfected Jurkat cells has biological activity similar to that of CD26 expressed on peripheral blood T cells, we examined  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization induced by CD26 antigen triggering.

Briefly, loading of indo-1 pentaacetoxymethyl 15 ester (Calbiochem, San Diego, CA) into cells and the measurement of its fluorescence by flow cytometry were performed as described by (Blue et al., *J. Immunol.* 140:376, 1988). Indo-1-loaded cells were preincubated for 1-2 minutes with antibodies and the basal 20 intracellular calcium levels were determined for 33 seconds before the addition of polyclonal goat anti-mouse antibody (10  $\mu$ g/ml) (Tago, Burlingame, CA). The RW24B6 anti-CD3 antibody was titrated in this system to determine the submitogenic dose for triggering each cell 25 type. After preincubation of each transfectant with anti-CD26 and/or a submitogenic dose of anti-CD3, anti-mouse antibody was added (time point of addition indicated by small arrows in Fig. 4). Antibody concentrations were 1  $\mu$ g/ml for anti-1F7 and 20 ng/ml for 30 anti-CD3.

Referring to Fig. 4, crosslinking of anti-CD26 and submitogenic doses of anti-CD3 with goat anti-mouse immunoglobulin on CD26 transfectants resulted in greater  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization than crosslinking of anti-CD3 alone. 35 These antibodies did not induce  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization

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without cross-linking. It is well known that the  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization signal is divided into two phases: the initial transient rise, and the sustained increase phase (Gardner, *Cell* 59:15, 1989; Goldsmith et al., *Science* 240:1029, 1988). For both CD26 transfectants, the anti-CD26 and anti-CD3 crosslinking induced a strong initial  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  increase (Fig. 4). In addition, for the clone 26.C28, crosslinking induced a sustained increase of the  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  level as well (Fig. 4). The differential pattern of  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization of the two transfectants may be attributed to the difference in the amount of CD26 antigen expressed by these two transfectants. The enhanced  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization was specific because, as was reported for peripheral blood T cells (Dang et al., *J. Immunol.* 145:3963, 1990), crosslinking of the CD26 antigen alone did not induce  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization. Furthermore, crosslinking of anti-CD26 and anti-CD3 did not enhance the  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization of nontransfected or vector-only transfected Jurkat cells, and crosslinking of the isotype-matched control antibody, anti-4B4, did not result in enhanced  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization of the transfectants. Similar to the data observed with transfectants, a small but significant transient rise in  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization was observed in normal resting T cells following CD26 and CD3 crosslinking.

IL-2 production by transfected cells cultured in antibody-coated plates was measured as described by Dang et al., *J. Immunol.* 144:4092, 1990), except that the cell concentration was adjusted to  $2 \times 10^6$  cell/ml. After 24 hr of culture, supernatants were assayed for IL-2 production using ELISA (R&D system, Minneapolis, MN). Referring to Fig. 5, incubation of the clone 26.C28 transfectants with solid-phase-immobilized anti-1F7 and anti-CD3, which mimicked the crosslinking by anti-mouse antibody, induced the production of a significant amount of IL-2 (striped

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- bar), as compared to the control, vector-only transfected, Jurkat cells (solid bar). These results indicate that the CD26 Jurkat transfectants were functionally similar to peripheral blood T cells.
- 5 Moreover, the above data indicate that the stimulatory effect of anti-CD26 and anti-CD3 crosslinking in T cells was in part mediated by an enhancement of  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization. Since it is well known that the transient rise, as well as the sustained increase, in  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  is necessary for IL-2 production (Gardner, *supra*; Goldsmith, *supra*), the sustained increase of the  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  observed in clone 26.C28 may be the basis for enhanced IL-2 production seen with the transfectant following anti-CD26 and anti-CD3 stimulation. Thus, the data obtained using
- 10 15 Jurkat CD26 transfectants provide direct evidence that the CD26 antigen plays an integral role in T cell activation.

Co-association of CD26 and CD45

- The experiments described below demonstrate that modulation of CD26 on the surface of T lymphocytes by anti-CD26 monoclonal antibody leads to enhanced phosphorylation of CD3 and increased p56<sup>lck</sup> tyrosine kinase activity. Modulation experiments described below demonstrate that CD26 is co-modulated with CD45.
- 25 Finally, immunoprecipitation assays described below demonstrate that CD26 and CD45 are closely associated. Taken together, the results indicate that an interaction between CD26 and CD45 increases p56<sup>lck</sup> tyrosine kinase activity, CD3 chain phosphorylation, and T lymphocyte activation.
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Enhancement of CD3 $\zeta$  Phosphorylation Following anti-CD26 (1F7) Treatment

To evaluate the effect of anti-CD26 antibodies on one of the earliest signaling events in T cell

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activation, we investigated their role in the tyrosine phosphorylation of CD3 $\zeta$ .

Immunoblotting analysis of tyrosine phosphorylation of CD3 $\zeta$  was performed as described by Vivier et al. (*J. Immunol.* 146:206, 1990). Briefly, peripheral blood T cells ( $10 \times 10^6$  per sample) were incubated in culture media alone or with anti-CD26 (1F7; 1:100 ascites dilution) for various times at 37°C. Cells were then extensively washed in ice cold PBS containing 5mM EDTA, 10mM NaF, 10mM sodium pyrophosphate, and 0.4mM sodium vanadate, then solubilized in lysis buffer (1% NP-40, 150mM NaCl, 50mM Tris HCl, pH 8.0, 5mM EDTA, 1mM PMSF, 10mM iodoacetamide, 10mM NaF, 10mM sodium pyrophosphate, 0.4mM sodium vanadate) for 15 min on ice. After removing insoluble material by centrifugation at 12,000 rpm for 15 min, samples were combined with an equal volume of sample buffer (2% SDS, 10% glycerol, 0.1M Tris [pH 6.8] 0.02% bromophenol blue), reduced with 5% 2-mercaptoethanol, and separated on 12% SDS-polyacrylamide gels. After separation on SDS-PAGE, cell lysates were transferred to nitrocellulose, and developed using  $^{125}\text{I}$ -labelled anti-phosphotyrosine (UBI, NY; 100,000 cpm/ml in PBS containing 1% BSA). Affinity-purified anti-phosphotyrosine was iodinated to a specific radioactivity of 10-20  $\mu\text{Ci}/\mu\text{g}$  protein using iodobeads (Pierce Chemical Co., Rockford, IL).

Referring to Fig. 6, a 21 kD tyrosine phosphoprotein (p21), which has been previously identified in T cells stimulated with various stimuli as phosphorylated CD3 $\zeta$  (Vivier et al., *supra*, 1990; Vivier et al., *J. Immunol.* 146:1142, 1991; Ashwell et al., *Annu. Rev. Immunol.* 8:139, 1990), was detected at a constitutive level in samples not treated with anti-CD26 (lane 1). Anti-CD26 treatment significantly increased the phosphorylation of CD3 $\zeta$  over the constitutive level

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after 1 hour of anti-CD26 incubation (lane 2). The level of phosphorylated CD3 $\zeta$  gradually increased with time, reaching a maximum level after 4 hours of anti-CD26 incubation (lanes 3 and 4; 2 and 4 hours of anti-CD26 treatment respectively), and gradually decreased upon longer incubation (lanes 5 and 6; 6 and 8 hours of anti-CD26 treatment respectively). The total amount of CD3 $\zeta$  chain (phosphorylated and non-phosphorylated) present, determined by immunoblotting the same membrane with an anti-CD3 $\zeta$  mAb, was similar in all samples. Although anti-CD26 by itself can not induce T cell proliferation, these results show that CD26 modulation provides an initial T cell activation signal as measured by enhanced CD3 $\zeta$  phosphorylation.

15 Comodulation of CD26 and CD45 by anti-CD26 Antibody (1F7)  
Treatment

The fact that the cytoplasmic domain of CD26 (DPPIV) in the rat includes only six amino acid residues suggests that CD26 might be associated with another molecule which acts in a signal transducing capacity, as has been found in the case of the IL-6 receptor and the IL-2 (p55) receptor (Taga et al., Cell 58:573, 1989; Robb et al.; J. Exp. Med. 165:1201; 1987). The experiments described below indicate that CD26 is associated with another cell surface molecule, CD45. Human peripheral blood T cells were used in the experiments described below and obtained as described by Dang et al. J. Immunol. 144:4092, 1990. Anti-CD26 (1F7) induced modulation was performed as previously described (by Dang et al. J. Immunol. 145:3963, 1990). Briefly, peripheral blood T cells were incubated overnight at 37°C in medium containing anti-CD26 (1F7) at 1:100 ascites dilution. Cells were then collected, washed and stained with anti-CD26 (1F7) and FITC-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG; or 35 they were stained with anti-CD45RA (2H4)-PE, anti-CD2-PE,

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anti-CD3-PE (Coulter) or biotinylated anti-CD45RO (UCHL-1) and PE-conjugated avidin.

Flow cytometry analysis was performed using an Epics V cell sorter (Coulter Electronics) as previously described (Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 143:3430, 1989).

The negative control of each fluorescence was less than 5%. The FACS analysis presented in Fig. 7 are representative of three separate experiments. As shown in Fig. 7, overnight incubation with anti-CD26 led to a significant reduction in CD26 expression on T cells.

Interestingly, while CD26 modulation did not have any detectable effect on CD2, CD3 or CD45RA expression, the expression of CD45RO, particularly the high fluorescence peak of CD45RO, was markedly reduced. In addition, modulation of CD2, CD3, or CD4 with respective antibodies had no effect on CD45RO expression. Thus, the co-modulation of CD45RO induced by anti-CD26 treatment appears to be specific for this structure.

Co-immunoprecipitation of CD26 with CD45

The immunoprecipitation experiments described below provide evidence of a direct association between CD26 and CD45. Peripheral blood T cells ( $50 \times 10^6$ ) were labeled at the surface by lactoperoxidase-catalyzed iodination and immunoprecipitated from NP-40 lysis buffer (0.5% NP-40, 140mM NaCl, 1mM PMSF, 5mM EDTA, 50mM Tris HCl [pH 7.4]) or digitonin lysis buffer (1% digitonin, 0.12% Triton X-100, 150mM NaCl, 1mM PMSF, 20mM Triethanolamine [pH 7.8]) using anti-CD26 (Ta1, Coulter Immunology, Hialeah, FL; or 1F7, Dr. C. Morimoto, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA) and anti-CD45 (GAP 8.3, Berger et al., *Human Immunol.* 3:231, 1981) as previously described by Morimoto et al. (*J. Immunol.* 143:3430, 1989) and Anderson et al. (*Nature* 341:159, 1989). All samples were analyzed under reducing conditions.

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For immunodepletion studies, peripheral blood T cells were labeled and lysed in digitonin lysis buffer as described above. The lysates were precleared by four successive immunoprecipitations with anti-CD45 (GAP 8.3, 5 American Type Culture Collection, Bethesda, MD) or anti-CD1 (T6) and then precipitated by anti-CD26 and anti-CD45.

Digestion with V8 protease from *S. aureus* was carried out during gel electrophoresis as described by 10 Cleveland et al. (*J. Biol. Chem.* 252:1102, 1977). After the first gel electrophoresis, gel slices containing the high molecular weight proteins co-precipitated with CD26 and CD45 proteins were excised and polymerized into the stacking gel of a 15% SDS-polyacrylamide gel. 2.5 µg of 15 V8 protease in 10 µl of sample buffer (0.1% SDS, 0.125M Tris-HCl [pH 6.8], 10% glycerol, 0.1% bromophenol blue) were added to wells above the polymerized gel slices. Gel electrophoresis was carried out uninterrupted for 12 hours.

20 Fig. 8 presents the results of immunoprecipitation analysis without prior depletion. Surface labeled T-lymphocytes were solubilized in NP-40 (lanes 1-4) or digitonin (lanes 5-8) and immunoprecipitated with anti-CD1 (T6) as a negative control (lanes 1 and 5); anti-CD26 25 (1F7, lanes 2 and 6); anti-CD26 (Ta1, lanes 3 and 7); or anti-CD45 (GAP 8.3, lanes 4 and 8).

While anti-CD26 (Ta1 and 1F7) antibodies precipitated a 110KD molecule from NP-40 lysates under reducing conditions, in digitonin lysates these same 30 antibodies precipitated two major proteins at 180 and 190KD and minor bands at 205 and 220KD in addition to the 110KD band. These additional bands display similar mobility to the CD45 control immunoprecipitates. In this regard, utilizing digitonin lysates or chemical cross-35 linkers, others have found an association of CD45 with

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Thy-1, CD3, and CD2 (Volarevic et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 87:7085, 1990; Schraven et al., *Nature* 345:71, 1990).

To provide further evidence that the high molecular weight structure which co-precipitated with CD26 is CD45, we carried out both sequential immunodepletion and one-dimensional peptide mapping studies using V8 protease.

Fig. 9 presents the results of immunoprecipitation analysis of samples previously depleted for CD45 using anti-CD45 antibody (GAP 8.3, lanes 4-6) or, as a control, CD-1 using anti-CD1 antibody (T6, lanes 1-3). After depletion, anti-CD26 (1F7, lanes 1 and 4), anti-CD26 (Ta1, lanes 2 and 5), or anti-CD45 (GAP 8.3, lanes 3 and 6) was used for immunoprecipitation. As can be seen in Fig. 9, depletion of CD45 resulted in a complete loss of the high molecular weight structures in the CD26 immunoprecipitate (lanes 4, 5). Furthermore, V8 protease-dependent digestion of the high molecular weight molecules co-precipitated with either CD26 and CD45 yielded identical peptide patterns (Fig. 10). Although CD26 comodulated only with CD45RO (the 180kD isoform), the immunoprecipitation experiments suggest that CD26 is also associated with the 190kD isoform of CD45, and to a lesser degree, with the 205 and 220kD isoforms as well. These observations are consistent with earlier studies demonstrating that CD26 was preferentially expressed on CD45RO+ helper T cells, which are known to preferentially express both the 180 and 190kD isoforms of CD45 (Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 143:3430, 1989; Rudd et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 166:1758, 1987; Terry et al., *Immunology* 64:331, 1988).

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Enhancement of the Kinase Activity of p56<sup>lck</sup> following anti-CD26 (1F7) Treatment

Recent studies have demonstrated that the cytoplasmic domain of CD45 has PTPase activity which 5 regulates T cell activation pathways through dephosphorylation of phosphotyrosine (Charboneau et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85:7182, 1988; Ledbetter et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA 85:8628; Pingel et al., Cell 58:1055, 1989; Koretzky et al., Nature 346:66, 10 1990). One of the potential substrates for the CD45 PTPase is the tyrosine kinase p56<sup>lck</sup> (Osergaard et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 86:8959, 1989; Mustelin et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 86:6302, 1989), which itself may be involved in the CD3 chain phosphorylation 15 (Veillette et al., Nature 338:257, 1989). CD26 may function in this system by enhancing CD3 phosphorylation through its association with CD45. If this model is correct, incubation with anti-CD26 (1F7) should alter p56<sup>lck</sup> kinase activity as measured by *in vitro* 20 autophosphorylation.

To analyze *in vitro* kinase activity, samples of  $3.0 \times 10^7$  T lymphocytes were incubated in culture media with anti-CD26 (1F7) for various periods of time at 37°C. Immunoprecipitation and kinase analysis was then carried 25 out as described by Rudal et al. (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85:5190, 1988). Cells were then solubilized in lysis buffer (1% NP-40, 20 mM TRIS-HCl [pH 8.0], 150 mM NaCl, 0.4 mM sodium vanadate, 0.5 mM EDTA, 10 mM NaF, 10 mM sodium pyrophosphate, 1 mM PMSF) for 30 min at 4°C. CD4 30 was immunoprecipitated from lysates containing equivalent amounts of total protein (500 µg) by a combination of anti-CD4 (19thy5D7; IgG2) and protein A-Sepharose. The immunoprecipitates were then washed extensively with lysis buffer prior to incubation with 30 µl of 25 mM 35 Hepes containing 0.1% NP-40, and 10µCi of [ $\lambda$ -<sup>32</sup>P]ATP (ICN,

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Costa Mesa, CA). After incubation of 15-30 min at 25°C, the reaction was stopped by the addition of sample buffer and the reaction products were resolved on 9% SDS-PAGE.

As shown in Fig. 11, the PTK activity of p56<sup>lck</sup> 5 precipitated with CD4 significantly increased after 1 hour of incubation with anti-CD26 (lane 2) compared to a no-anti-CD26 control (lane 1). The kinase activity was even higher after 2, 3 or 4 hours of incubation with anti-CD26 (lanes 3-6, respectively). Concomitantly, the 10 expression of CD26 on T cells treated with anti-CD26 (1F7) began to decrease within 1 hour of incubation and continued to decline as previously described (Dang et al., *J. Immunol.* 145:3936, 1990). Similar results were obtained when another anti-CD26 (Ta1) antibody was used. 15 Nevertheless, incubation of cells with control anti-Class I MHC or anti-VLA 4 mAbs did not alter p56<sup>lck</sup> activity. The above results support the notion that the interaction of CD26 with CD45 enhances p56<sup>lck</sup> activity.

The kinetics of p56<sup>lck</sup> PTK activity (Fig. 11) and 20 tyrosine phosphorylation of CD3 (Fig. 6) showed a similar pattern. This similarity supports the conclusion that tyrosine phosphorylation of CD3 induced by anti-CD26 is related to the PTK activity of p56<sup>lck</sup>. In addition, the similar kinetics also showed that the increase in p56<sup>lck</sup> 25 PTK activity quickly affects the phosphorylation of CD3, as reported previously (Veillette et al., *supra*). While the peak of the p56<sup>lck</sup> PTK activity or phosphorylation of CD3 induced by various stimuli is observed within minutes (Vivier et al., *supra*; Veillette et al., *supra*), the peak 30 of either p56<sup>lck</sup> or CD3 phosphorylation induced by anti-CD26 treatment was observed after hours. In this regard, although the close relationship between CD45 PTPase activity and p56<sup>lck</sup> PTK activity has been reported (Ostergaard et al., *supra*; Mustelin et al., *supra*; 35 Veillette et al., *supra*), the regulation of PTPase

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activity of CD45 has not yet been established. Therefore, it is possible that the change in PTPase activity or the interaction between CD45 PTPase and p56<sup>lck</sup> may require a relatively long time period following anti-5 CD26 treatment. It is also possible that the interaction between CD45 PTPase and p56<sup>lck</sup> is via an indirect rather than a direct mechanism.

CD26 is broadly distributed on non-hematopoietic cells. However, since the expression of CD45 is largely 10 restricted to leukocytes, the association between CD26 and CD45 is probably found only on leukocytes. On the other hand, membrane-linked PTPases such as CD45 have been found on non-hematopoietic cells (Streuli et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 168:1553, 1988; Streuli et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:8698, 1989; Lau et al. *Biochem J.* 257:23, 1989). Although the functional role of CD26 on nonhematopoietic cells is unclear, it is possible that CD26 is associated with the membrane-linked PTPase on nonhematopoietic cells.

20 In summary, we have demonstrated that anti-CD26-induced modulation resulted in enhanced CD3 phosphorylation and increased p56<sup>lck</sup> PTK activity. Both observations are consistent with the enhanced proliferative response of T cells following CD26 25 modulation. These observations further suggest that the physical association of CD26 with CD45 may be key for CD26-mediated T cell signaling pathways. CD26 is known to be the membrane-associated ectoenzyme DPPIV which can cleave N-terminal dipeptides from polypeptides with 30 either L-proline or L-alanine at the penultimate position. Although the natural ligand for CD26/DPPIV has not yet been established, binding of the natural substrate to the DPPIV enzyme may lead to cleavage and alteration in the biologic activity of the ligand. In 35 light of the close proximity of the CD26 and CD45

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molecules, it is possible that CD26 modulates the enzymatic activity of the CD45 PTPase or perhaps affects the accessibility of critical substrates. This process would then enhance T cell activation via the CD3 or CD2 pathway and could amplify the immune response *in vivo*.  
5 It should also be noted that increased numbers of CD26+ T lymphocytes have been found in both inflamed tissues and peripheral blood of patients with multiple sclerosis, Graves' Disease and rheumatoid arthritis (Hafler et al.,  
10 *N. Engl. J. Med.* 312:1405, 1985; Nakao et al., *J. Rheumatol.* 16:904, 1989; Eguchi et al., *J. Immunol.* 142:4233, 1989), suggesting that these CD26+ T cells may play an important role in chronic inflammation and in subsequent tissue damage.  
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15 Soluble CD26 Fragments

Soluble fragments of CD26 are useful for interfering with CD26 activity. The fact that CD26 is a type II membrane protein suggests certain strategies for designing soluble fragments. For type II membrane  
20 proteins, the signal sequence used to transfer the protein across a membrane also serves as an anchor to the membrane. The cleavage of the signal sequence after protein transfer which usually occurs for other secreted proteins does not occur in type II transmembrane  
25 proteins. Thus, soluble forms of CD26 can be prepared by making its signal/anchor sequence accessible to a cellular proteolytic cleavage system. To accomplish this, the putative signal sequence of CD26 was shortened, as described below, since the 23 amino acid CD26 signal  
30 sequence is longer than most natural occurring cleavable signal sequences (von Heijne et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 184:99, 1985). This is expected to result in proteolytic cleavage of the expressed polypeptide at or near one of the residues Ala Thr Ala corresponding to positions 35-37  
35 of wild type CD26, yielding a soluble fragment of CD26

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having at its amino terminus Ala<sub>35</sub>, Thr<sub>36</sub>, Ala<sub>37</sub>, or Asp<sub>38</sub> of wild type CD26.

A first soluble CD26 construct is created by deleting the codons corresponding to amino acids 3-9 of intact CD26 (shown as the boxed amino acids in Fig. 13). The amino terminal sequence of the expressed polypeptide is MKGLLG-- (SEQ ID NO: 4) rather than the original MKTPWKVLLGLLG-- (SEQ ID NO: 5), and the potential proteolytic cleavage sites are shown as arrows in Fig. 13. This deletion mutant is prepared by oligonucleotide directed mutagenesis (see below) using the following oligonucleotide:

5'-ACGCCGACGATGAAGGGACTGCTGGGTGCT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 6).

15 A second construct is generated by taking advantage of the following rules proposed for signal peptide cleavage: (1) the residue in position -1 must be small, i.e., either Ala, Ser, Gly, Thr, Cys, Gln; (2) the residue in position -3 must not be aromatic (Phe, His, 20 Tyr, Trp), charged (Asp, Glu, Lys, Arg), or large and polar (Asn, Gln); and (3) Pro must not be present at positions -3 through -1 (von Heijne, *Nuc. Acids Res.* 14:4683, 1986). Following these rules, we have designed a CD26 cDNA construct lacking codons corresponding to 25 amino acids 24 to 34 of wild type CD26 (illustrated as the boxed amino acids in Fig. 14). This deletion mutant encodes the amino acid sequence --IITVATADSR-- (SEQ ID NO: 7) instead of the original --IITVPVVLLNKGTDDATADSR-- (SEQ ID NO: 8), and the potential proteolytic cleavage sites are shown as arrows 30 in Fig. 14. This mutant is prepared by oligonucleotide-directed mutagenesis (see below) using the following oligonucleotide: 5'-ACCATCATCACCGTGGCTACAGCTGACAGT- 3' (SEQ ID NO: 9).

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Site-directed mutagenesis is performed as follows.

The 3.0 kb CD26 cDNA fragment generated by the *Xba*I treatment of the original plasmid CDM7-CD26 is inserted into the *Xba*I site of pTZ19u (Bio-rad). A recombinant 5 plasmid which inserts the cDNA inverse to the *lacZ* gene on the plasmid is identified by restriction enzyme mapping and used for subsequent mutagenesis.

Using single-stranded DNA prepared from this plasmid as a template and the previously-described 10 oligonucleotides as primers, oligonucleotide-directed mutagenesis is performed by the method of Kunkel (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 82:488, 1985), using a commercially available kit (BioRad, Richmond, CA).

To obtain high level expression of soluble CD26, a 15 new expression vector is constructed. First the *Xba*I CD26 cDNA fragment of pTZ19u-CD26 and the *Hind*III-*Xba*I vector fragment of Rc/CMV (Invitrogen, San Diego, CA) are treated with Klenow enzyme and ligated. The resulting plasmid is screened by restriction enzyme 20 mapping for the insertion of the CD26 cDNA fragment under the control of the CMV promoter. This construct leaves one *Xba*I site just in front of the CD26 cDNA. Then, the *Mlu*I-*Xba*I CMV promoter DNA fragment of this plasmid DNA 25 is exchanged with the *Hind*III-*Xba*I SR $\alpha$  promoter DNA fragment of pSR $\alpha$ -26 to give a final expression vector RCSR $\alpha$ -26. Next, the above mutant CD26 cDNAs are transferred to this expression vector. The *Xba*I-*Dra*III DNA fragment derived from the mutant cDNAs which encoded 30 the mutant part and the wild type 2.0 kb *Dra*III-*Hind*III DNA fragment are ligated with the *Xba*I-*Hind*III vector fragment of RCSR $\alpha$ -26. The expression plasmid which has the  $\Delta$ 3-9 or  $\Delta$ 24-34 mutant CD26 cDNA is identified by restriction enzyme mapping and DNA sequencing. The resultant plasmids RCSR $\alpha$ -26. $\Delta$ 3-9 and RCSR $\alpha$ -26. $\Delta$ 24-34 are 35 used to transfect Jurkat cells or CHO cells.

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Jurkat cells are transfected with these plasmids as described above except pSVneo-sp is omitted from the donor DNA mixture since the RcSR $\alpha$  plasmid already carries the neo resistance marker. Neo-resistant clones are 5 screened by metabolic labelling and immunoprecipitation (Harlow et al., eds. *Antibodies: a laboratory manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1988) for the expression of soluble CD26. The transfectants which produce a large amount of soluble CD26 are used for protein production.

10 CHO cells transfected with the DNA mixture of pMT2 and RcSR $\alpha$ -26. $\Delta$ 3-9 or RcSR $\alpha$ -26. $\Delta$ 24-34 are selected for their growing ability in  $\alpha$ -medium and the production of soluble CD26. The expression of the soluble protein is amplified by culturing the transfected CHO cells in 15 medium containing an increasing amount of MTX. Although both Jurkat cells and CHO cells can provide the soluble form of CD26, the protein produced by Jurkat cells is preferred because of its human T cell origin.

Another approach to making fragments of CD26 is 20 illustrated by the following:

Ligation of the CD26 XbaI-SphI cDNA fragment to the vector RcSR $\alpha$ -26 XbaI-HindIII DNA fragment and the following synthetic DNA linker:

5'-----CATAGTAATCGATA-----

25 GTACGTATCATTAGCTATTGCA-----5' (SEQ ID NO: 10) introduces an in-frame stop codon that results in deletion of the segment of CD26 from amino acid 594 to the carboxy terminus of the wild-type protein. This deletion mutant, which is shown in Fig. 15 (SEQ ID NO: 30 11), lacks the putative catalytic site of CD26 and has a new carboxy terminus of --GDKIMHA (SEQ ID NO: 12).

CD26 Derivatives Capable of Disrupting CD26/CD45Interaction

Other polypeptide fragments of CD26 can be produced by standard methods of protein synthetic chemistry, using the information disclosed herein to design appropriate polypeptides and assay them for biological activity. A preferred method of producing such fragments, however, is by the use of recombinant DNA techniques. For example, the sequence of CD26 given in Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1) can be used to design oligonucleotides encoding fragments of CD26 containing deletions of nonessential CD26 amino acid residues from the beginning, the end, and/or any central portion of the protein; such oligonucleotides are chemically synthesized by known methods and inserted into expression vectors for expression of a polypeptide fragment of CD26.

Alternatively, one may manipulate the CD26 coding regions of CD26 expression plasmids by site-directed mutagenesis, as disclosed above for two such fragments of CD26, or by insertion of a stop codon at an appropriate place in the coding sequence. The CD26 fragment can then be produced in transfected cultured cells in large quantities, purified by standard methods, and tested in an assay such as the immunoprecipitation assay described above, which is useful for identifying fragments capable of disrupting the interaction of CD26 and CD45. Briefly, surface-labeled peripheral blood T cells which express both CD26 and CD45 (or any mammalian cells transfected with cDNAs encoding CD26 and CD45 so that both proteins are functionally expressed on the cells' surfaces) are incubated in the presence and absence of a CD26 polypeptide fragment. The cells are lysed in digitonin lysis buffer, and anti-CD45 monoclonal antibody is used to immunoprecipitate CD45 and any proteins associated

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with CD45. The amount of CD26 that co-precipitates with CD45 in the presence of a given polypeptide fragment can be determined by known methods (e.g., by densitometer readings of the labelled bands on an SDS-PAGE gel 5 analyzing the constituents of an immunoprecipitate) and compared to the amount that co-precipitates with CD45 in the absence of the polypeptide fragment. Alternatively, one can instead use an anti-CD26 antibody and measure the relative amounts of CD45 that co-precipitate with CD26 in 10 the presence and absence of the given polypeptide fragment. If an anti-CD26 antibody is used, it is preferred that the antibody does not substantially bind to the competitor CD26 polypeptide; such binding interferes with the assay. In either case, CD26 15 polypeptide fragments which interfere with the interaction between CD26 and CD45 will decrease co-precipitation.

An analysis similar to that described above can be used to identify polypeptide fragments of CD45 which 20 disrupt CD26/CD45 interaction. When screening CD45 fragments, it is preferable to perform the immunoprecipitation with anti-OCM26 antibody.

#### Association of p43 with CD26

When CD26 is immunoprecipitated from surface- 25 labelled T cells and the immunoprecipitate is analyzed on SDS-PAGE, two bands are typically seen: one at 110kDa, corresponding to CD26, and a second, much fainter band at 43kDa. This lower molecular weight protein is termed "p43". Fig. 12 illustrates one such experiment, in which 30 E+ cells were labeled by lactoperoxidase-catalyzed iodination and lysed in NP-40 lysis buffer for immunoprecipitation as described above. Precipitates were analyzed by 9% SDS-PAGE. Lane 1: anti-CD1 (T6) as negative control; lane 2: anti-1F7; lane 3: anti-Ta1;

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lane 4: anti-5F8 (another anti-CD26 monoclonal antibody); lane 5: anti-CD29 (4B4) as control. As shown in Fig. 12, anti-1F7 brought down an obvious 43kDa structure (lane 2) from surface-labeled T cells. On the other hand, this 5 structure was detected faintly following anti-Ta1 or anti-5F8 precipitation (lanes 3 and 4). This band was not detected following anti-CD1 or anti-CD29 precipitation (lanes 1 and 5). Similar results were seen when the cells were human thymocytes or from the human T 10 cell lines H9 or Peer IV (data not shown). In other anti-Ta1 or anti-5F8 immunoprecipitation experiments using T cells from other donors, the 43kDa band was sometimes more distinct than those shown in lanes 3 and 4 of Fig. 12. In addition, a third band at approximately 15 70 kDa is sometimes observed in these CD26 immunoprecipitation experiments. Because they are found in association with the 110 kDa CD26 molecule, both the 43 kDa molecule and the 70 kDa molecule may play important roles in T cell activation. Compounds (such as 20 fragments of CD26) which interfere with the association of CD26 with either p43 or the 70 kDa molecule may be detected by means of a screening assay patterned on those described above with respect to CD26 and CD45.

It is thought to be unlikely that anti-1F7 cross- 25 reacts with p43, since the density of the 43kDa band decreased after repeated preclearing by either anti-Ta1 or anti-5F8. Although the reasons for the variability in the detection of p43 are not clear, it is possible that the binding of anti-CD26 mAbs may generate conformational 30 changes in CD26, affecting the association of the 43 kDa molecule with the 110 kDa molecule. It is also possible that the Ta1 or 5F8 epitope may be close to the association site between the 43 and 110 kDa molecules, such that binding of these mAbs may inhibit the 35 association of these molecules with each other.

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P43 may be purified by affinity chromatography, using an anti-CD26 monoclonal antibody to purify the CD26-p43 complex from T cell membranes. P43 may then be separated from CD26 by SDS-PAGE, followed by HPLC if further purification is necessary. Affinity chromatography with monoclonal antibodies, SDS-PAGE, and HPLC are all standard methods well known to those of ordinary skill in the art.

Hybridization probes based upon a partial amino acid sequence of the purified protein may be used to select p43 cDNA from a T cell library. Alternatively, the partial amino acid sequence can be used to design PCR primers for priming synthesis of a partial p43 cDNA on mRNA templates, using standard methods, and the resulting partial cDNA used as a probe to detect full-length p43 cDNA in a T cell library. This cDNA can be inserted in an expression plasmid and used to transfect cells which do not naturally express the p43 gene. Such cells may be used as an antigen to develop anti-p43 monoclonal antibodies, and also as a means to study the role of p43 in T cell activation. They can also be used in the screening assay referred to above.

Northern Analysis Using a CD26 cDNA Probe

Analysis of the degree of expression of CD26 in any given cell type or tissue type can be accomplished using the standard technique of Northern blotting, probing with a labelled, single stranded nucleic acid molecule derived from the coding region of CD26 cDNA. The probe would have a sequence based upon the sense strand of SEQ ID NO: 1, which is complementary to CD26 mRNA, and preferably would be at least 8 nucleotides in length (more preferably at least 14 nucleotides, and most preferably at least 30). The probe may contain most or all of the entire coding sequence of CD26 cDNA. Such an

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assay, which would be useful for diagnosing conditions characterized by the over- or under-expression of CD26 in a given cell type, such as T cells, would include the following steps:

- 5       (a) providing a biological sample containing mRNA of a cell;
- (b) contacting the sample with a single-stranded nucleic acid probe as described above; and
- (c) detecting hybridization of the probe with the
- 10      sample, which hybridization would be indicative of the presence of CD26 mRNA in the cell.

#### Purification of Soluble CD26

To produce soluble CD26, CHO cells stably expressing CD26Δ3-9 (CD26 deleted for amino acids 3-9) were cultured in serum-free medium (CHO-S-SFM; GIBCO/BRL) containing 0.5 μM methotrexate. The culture supernatant was collected and proteins were precipitated using 75% ammonium sulfate. The resulting pellet was solubilized in PBS, dialyzed against PBS, and loaded on a ConA-Sepharose column (Pharmacia, Piscataway, NJ) equilibrated with 2xPBS/0.02% sodium azide. The column was washed with the equilibration buffer, and protein was eluted with 2xPBS/0.2M methyl α-D-mannopyranoside/0.02% sodium azide. A DPPIV assay (described below) was used to identify the CD26-containing fractions, which were pooled and loaded directly on a BSA-conjugated Affigel™ 10 column (Bio-rad) equilibrated with PBS/0.02% sodium azide. The flowthrough fraction was collected and applied to a 1F7-conjugated Affigel™ 10 column equilibrated with PBS. The column was washed with PBS, and soluble CD26 was eluted with PBS/3M sodium thiocyanate. The fractions containing DPPIV activity were pooled and dialyzed against PBS. The resulting

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soluble CD26 was more than 95% pure as judged by gel electrophoresis.

Soluble CD26 and Cell Activation

Soluble CD26 was shown to stimulate antigen-dependent proliferation of peripheral blood lymphocytes *in vitro*. Assays were performed in triplicate wells in round-bottom plates using 0.2 ml/well standard culture medium consisting of RPMI1640 supplemented with 10% human AB serum, 4 mM L-glutamine, 25 mM HEPES buffer (Microbiological Associates), 0.5% sodium bicarbonate, and 50 µg/ml of Gentamicin (GIBCO). The cell concentration was  $1.2 \times 10^5$  cells/well. Tetanus toxoid (Connaught Lab, Inc.) dialyzed against PBS was added to some of the wells to make a final concentration of 0.2 or 0.1 L.T. unit/ml (1/40 or 1/80 dilution of the original solution, respectively); the toxoid serves as soluble antigen in this assay. Purified soluble CD26 antigen, soluble LCA (leucocyte common antigen; CD45), or soluble CD4 was added at a final concentration of 1 µg/ml or 25 µg/ml. After 7 days culture in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator, the cells were pulsed with 1 µCi/well of <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine. After a 16 hr incubation, the cells were harvested and the <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine incorporation was measured using a scintillation counter.

As shown in Fig. 16, in the presence of tetanus toxoid (diluted 80-fold or 40-fold), soluble CD26 (prepared as described above) stimulated PBL proliferation in a dose-dependent manner. This stimulation was greater than that observed when soluble CD45 or soluble CD4 was used instead of soluble CD26. This assay can be used to screen fragments of CD26 to identify molecules capable of stimulating antigen-dependent immune cell proliferation. In addition, it can be used to assay for compounds capable of inhibiting soluble CD26-stimulated proliferation of lymphocytes. By

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substituting an anti-CD3 antibody such as OKT3 (Kung et al. U.S. Patent 4,658,019, 4,361,549, and 4,654,210) for the tetanus toxoid in this assay, the ability of fragments of CD26 to stimulate antigen-independent immune 5 cell proliferation can be determined.

CD26 Mutant

Standard methods of site-directed mutagenesis were used to produce a point mutation (Ser<sup>629</sup>→Ala) within the putative catalytic site of DPPIV activity of CD26. The 10 enzymatic activity of the resulting mutant CD26 (CD26-629A) was examined by transfecting Jurkat cells with plasmids expressing intact CD26, CD26-629A, or vector only. Transformed cells were cultured in RPMI 1640 supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal calf serum, 15 4 mM glutamine, 50 µg/ml Gentamicin, and 0.25 mg/ml Geneticin (GIBCO), then harvested, lysed, and separated into a membrane fraction and a cytosol fraction (by the method of Siekierka et al., J. Immunol. 143:1580-1583, 1989). DPPIV activity of each fraction was measured in 20 accordance with Hanski et al. (Exp. Cell Res. 178:64-72, 1988). Membranes from cells transformed with the plasmid encoding CD26-629A had almost no DPPIV activity, while membranes containing wild-type CD26 had substantial DPPIV activity. In addition, some DPPIV activity was observed 25 in the cytosolic fraction of cells expressing wild-type CD26, but not cells expressing CD26-629A.

Although CD26-629A apparently lacks DPPIV activity, cells expressing CD26-629A were recognized by three anti-CD26 antibodies (1F7, Tal(4EL), and 5F8) which 30 recognize wild-type CD26, indicating that the mutant protein is expressed in the transformed cells, and suggesting that the mutation does not have a substantial effect on protein conformation.

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Jurkat cells expressing wild-type CD26 were stimulated with anti-CD3 antibody (OKT3) and either anti-CD26 antibody (1F7) or PMA produced substantially more IL-2 than cells expressing CD26-629A or cells transformed 5 with vector only. This suggests that the DPPIV activity of CD26 is important for both CD26-dependent and CD26-independent activation. It was also observed that, after stimulation with anti-CD26 and anti-CD3 antibodies, cells expressing the mutant form of CD26 produced more IL-2 10 than control cells that did not express either mutant or wild-type CD26, suggesting that DPPIV activity is not the only facet of CD26 which contributes to stimulation of IL-2 production in this system.

Use

15 Soluble CD26 and variants thereof are generally useful as immune response-stimulating therapeutics. For example, the compounds of the invention can be used for treatment of disease conditions characterized by immunosuppression: e.g., AIDS or AIDS-related complex, 20 other virally- or environmentally-induced conditions, and certain congenital immune deficiencies. The compounds may also be employed to increase immune function that has been impaired by the use of immunosuppressive drugs such as certain chemotherapeutic agents, and therefore are 25 particularly useful when given in conjunction with such drugs. When given as an adjuvant in conjunction with a vaccine antigen, the compounds of the invention will boost the immune response triggered by the vaccine and thus increase the vaccine's protective potency. This 30 would be particularly beneficial where the vaccinee is incapable of generating an optimal immune response without the use of such an adjuvant, as is the case for newborns or for persons undergoing renal dialysis or transplantation, or where the vaccine antigen is one 35 which is poorly immunogenic.

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Generally, the compounds of the invention will be suspended in a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier (e.g., physiological saline) and administered orally or by intravenous infusion, or injected subcutaneously,

5 intramuscularly, or intraperitoneally. Optimal formulation and dosage can be readily determined by one of ordinary skill in the art of pharmacology, taking into account such factors as the biological half-life of the compound and the degree of immunostimulation desired.

10 It is expected that a typical dose for a severely immunocompromised patient will be approximately 0.01 to 100 µg/kg/day. When utilized as a vaccine adjuvant, a typical single dose of the compound of the invention would be 0.1 to 100 µg.

15 Instead of soluble forms of CD26, intact CD26 or a form of CD26 which retains the membrane-anchoring amino terminal portion of native CD26, as well as all critical portions of the remainder of the molecule, can be incorporated into red cell "ghosts" or liposomes, so that 20 the protein is expressed on the surface of the ghosts or liposomes. This form of CD26 is then suspended in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and introduced into the patient as described above, so that it can interact with the patient's immunological cells *in vivo*.

25 Alternatively, peripheral blood lymphocytes can be withdrawn from the patient and treated with a CD26 compound of the invention (whether in soluble or membrane-bound form, or attached to a solid support by standard methodologies) *ex vivo*, prior to introducing the 30 newly-stimulated lymphocytes into the same or a different patient.

As discussed above, the assay for enhancement of lymphocyte proliferation with soluble CD26 can be utilized to screen for compounds which inhibit such 35 enhancement, and which therefore could be used to

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interfere with CD26-stimulated proliferation of lymphocytes *in vivo*. The information provided above concerning the location of the DPPIV active site of CD26 provides a starting place for the design of compounds 5 which will bind to the active site and thus potentially inhibit the stimulatory activity of CD26. Such compounds can first be tested for their ability to bind to CD26 by passing each such compound over a CD26 affinity column; compounds which bind to the column can then be assayed 10 for their ability to inhibit soluble CD26-enhanced proliferation of lymphocytes *in vitro*, as described above. Such inhibitory compounds would be useful for the treatment of conditions characterized by an unwanted immune response: for example, autoimmune diseases such 15 as systemic lupus erythematosis and rheumatoid arthritis.

Other Embodiments

The invention also includes analogs of CD26 and of fragments of CD26. The term "analog" refers to polypeptide fragments of CD26 having conservative and/or 20 non-conservative substitutions for some of the amino acids of naturally-occurring CD26, having D-amino acids in place of some or all of the corresponding L-amino acids, or having non-peptide bonds in place of some of the peptide bonds of CD26. Techniques for producing such 25 analogs are well known in the art, and can be readily accomplished by those of ordinary skill. Preferably at least 85%, more preferably at least 95%, and most preferably at least 99%, of the amino acids in the analog are identical to the corresponding ones in CD26. It is 30 important that the substitutions do not eliminate the ability of the polypeptide fragment to interfere with the naturally occurring association between CD26 and CD45, or the ability of the compound to stimulate proliferation of lymphocytes. In some instances, the removal of peptide 35 bonds from a polypeptide compound is a desirable goal

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because the presence of such bonds may leave the compound susceptible to attack by proteolytic enzymes.

Additionally, such peptide bonds may affect the biological availability of the resulting therapeutic molecules. The removal of peptide bonds is part of a process referred to as "depeptidization".

Depeptidization entails such modifications as replacement of the peptide bond (-CONH-) between two given amino acids with a spatially similar group such as -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -CH=CH- or -CH<sub>2</sub>S-, generally by incorporating a non-peptide mimetic of the dipeptide into the chemically synthesized analog of the invention.

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100 105 110  
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245 250 255  
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Tyr Tyr Ser Val Ser Phe Ser Lys Glu Ala Lys Tyr Tyr Gln Leu Arg  
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Cys Ser Gly Pro Gly Leu Pro Leu Tyr Thr Leu His Ser Ser Val Asn  
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Leu Gln Asn Val Gln Met Pro Ser Lys Lys Leu Asp Phe Ile Ile Leu  
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Ser Gln Lys Ala Asp Thr Val Phe Arg Leu Asn Trp Ala Thr Tyr Leu  
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565 570 575

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580 585 590

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Val Asp Phe Gln Ala Met Trp Tyr Thr Asp Glu Asp His Gly Ile Ala  
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(C) STRANDEDNESS: linear  
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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35 40 45

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65 70 75 80

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85 90 95

Ser Pro Asp Gly Gln Phe Ile Leu Leu Glu Tyr Asn Tyr Val Lys Gln  
100 105 110

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115 120 125

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165 170 175

Thr Gly Lys Glu Asp Ile Ile Tyr Asn Gly Ile Thr Asp Trp Val Tyr  
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195 200 205

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325 330 335

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(C) STRANDEDNESS:  
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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Met Lys Gly Leu Leu Gly  
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- (A) LENGTH: 13  
(B) TYPE: amino acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS:  
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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1 5 10

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|-------------------|--------------|
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| (C) STRANDEDNESS: | single       |
| (D) TOPOLOGY:     | linear       |

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| (C) STRANDEDNESS: |            |
| (D) TOPOLOGY:     | linear     |

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 7:

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1 5 10

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| (D) TOPOLOGY:     | linear     |

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| (C) STRANDEDNESS: | single       |
| (D) TOPOLOGY:     | linear       |

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(C) STRANDEDNESS: double  
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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1 5 10 15

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50 55 60

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Ala Glu Tyr Gly Asn Ser Ser Val Phe Leu Glu Asn Ser Thr Phe Asp  
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Glu Phe Gly His Ser Ile Asn Asp Tyr Ser Ile Ser Pro Asp Gly Gln  
100 105 110

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Glu Pro Asn Leu Pro Ser Tyr Arg Ile Thr Trp Thr Gly Lys Glu Asp  
180 185 190

Ile Ile Tyr Asn Gly Ile Thr Asp Trp Val Tyr Glu Glu Glu Val Phe  
195 200 205

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Pro Lys Ala Gly Ala Val Asn Pro Thr Val Lys Phe Phe Val Val Asn  
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Leu Asn Pro Glu Arg Cys Gln Tyr Tyr Ser Val Ser Phe Ser Lys Glu  
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Ala Lys Tyr Tyr Gln Leu Arg Cys Ser Gly Pro Gly Leu Pro Leu Tyr  
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Ala

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(B) TYPE: amino acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS:  
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 13:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 7  
(B) TYPE: amino acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS:  
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 13:

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1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 11  
(B) TYPE: amino acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS:  
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 14:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 5  
(B) TYPE: amino acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS:  
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 15:

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1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 16:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 5  
(B) TYPE: amino acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS:  
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 16:

Gly Xaa Ser Xaa Gly  
1 5

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Other embodiments are within the following claims.

What is claimed is:

**CLAIMS:**

1. A nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide fragment of CD26 lacking amino acids 3-9 of intact CD26.
2. A nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide fragment of CD26 lacking amino acids 24-34 of intact CD26.
3. The nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has an amino acid sequence substantially identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.
4. The nucleic acid of claim 2, wherein said polypeptide has an amino acid sequence substantially identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.
5. A plasmid comprising the nucleic acid of any of claims 1 or 2.
6. A polypeptide fragment of CD26 capable of disrupting the naturally occurring binding interaction between CD45 and CD26.
7. A method for screening candidate compounds to identify compounds capable of inhibiting the binding of CD26 to CD45, said method comprising the steps of:
  - (a) providing a first and a second sample of cells expressing both CD26 and CD45;
  - (b) incubating said first sample in the presence of a candidate compound;
  - (c) incubating said second sample in the absence of said candidate compound;
  - (d) generating a first immunoprecipitate by adding to said first sample a first aliquot of an anti-CD26 antibody;
  - (e) generating a second immunoprecipitate by adding to said second sample a second aliquot of said antibody; and

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(f) determining whether the amount of CD45 present in said first immunoprecipitate is less than the amount of CD45 present in said second immunoprecipitate, the presence of a lesser amount of CD45 in said first immunoprecipitate than in said second immunoprecipitate indicating that said candidate compound inhibits said binding.

8. A method for screening candidate compounds to identify compounds capable of inhibiting the binding of CD26 to CD45, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a first and a second sample of cells expressing both CD26 and CD45;

(b) incubating said first sample in the presence of a candidate compound;

(c) incubating said second sample in the absence of said candidate compound;

(d) generating a first immunoprecipitate by adding to said first sample a first aliquot of an anti-CD45 antibody;

(e) generating a second immunoprecipitate by adding to said second sample a second aliquot of said antibody; and

(f) determining whether the amount of CD26 present in said first immunoprecipitate is less than the amount of CD26 present in said second immunoprecipitate, the presence of a lesser amount of CD26 in said first immunoprecipitate than in said second immunoprecipitate indicating that said candidate compound inhibits said binding.

9. A monoclonal antibody which, when contacted under physiological conditions with a cell expressing CD26 and CD45, interferes with the association of said CD26 and CD45.

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10. A cell transfected with a nucleic acid encoding CD26, said cell expressing both CD26 and CD45 on its surface.

11. A cell transfected with a nucleic acid encoding CD45, said cell expressing both CD26 and CD45 on its surface.

12. A method of generating a hybridoma cell, said method comprising:

(a) providing a cell transfected with nucleic acid encoding CD26, such that said cell expresses CD26 on its surface;

(b) using said cell as an antigen to induce an immune response in a subject animal; and

(c) fusing a B lymphocyte from said subject animal with a cell from an immortal cell line to produce a hybridoma cell.

13. A polypeptide fragment of CD26 capable of disrupting the naturally-occurring binding interaction between p43 and CD26.

14. A method for screening candidate compounds to identify compounds capable of inhibiting the binding of CD26 to p43, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a first and a second sample of cells expressing both CD26 and p43;

(b) incubating said first sample in the presence of a candidate compound;

(c) incubating said second sample in the absence of said candidate compound;

(d) generating a first immunoprecipitate by adding to said first sample a first aliquot of an anti-CD26 antibody;

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(e) generating a second immunoprecipitate by adding to said second sample a second aliquot of said antibody; and

(f) determining whether the amount of p43 present in said first immunoprecipitate is less than the amount of p43 present in said second immunoprecipitate, the presence of a lesser amount of p43 in said first immunoprecipitate than in said second immunoprecipitate indicating that said candidate compound inhibits said binding.

15. A polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of CD26 carboxy-terminal to Ala37, wherein at least one of the amino acids in the segment Gly627-Gly631 is deleted or replaced with a different amino acid.

16. A polypeptide fragment of CD26 lacking residues 1-34 of intact CD26.

17. A vaccine adjuvant comprising a fragment of CD26 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

18. A method of screening candidate immunosuppressive compounds, said method comprising:

(a) contacting a lymphocyte with CD26 or a fragment of CD26 in the presence of a candidate compound, and

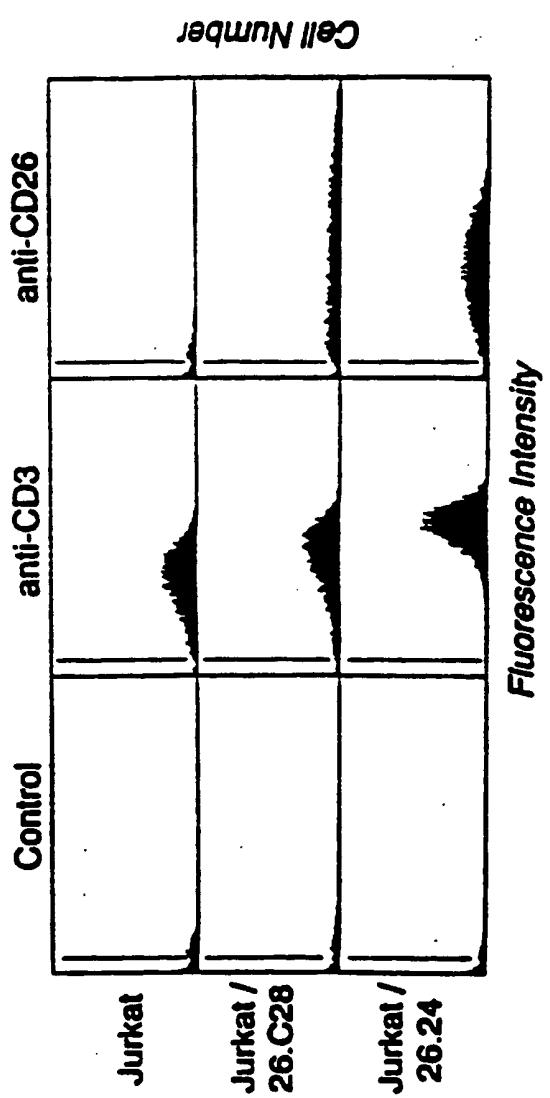
(b) determining whether said candidate compound inhibits the CD26-enhanced proliferation of said lymphocyte, said inhibition being an indication that said candidate compound has immunosuppressive activity.

19. CD26 or a fragment thereof affixed to a solid matrix material.

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FIG. 3A

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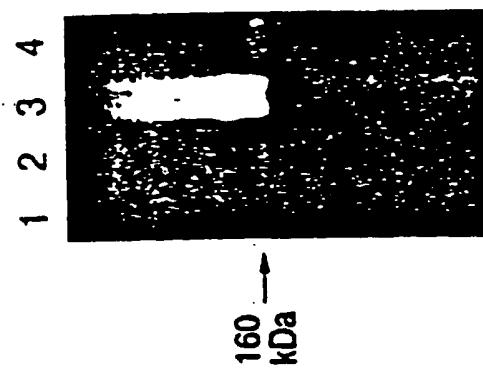
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FIG. 3B



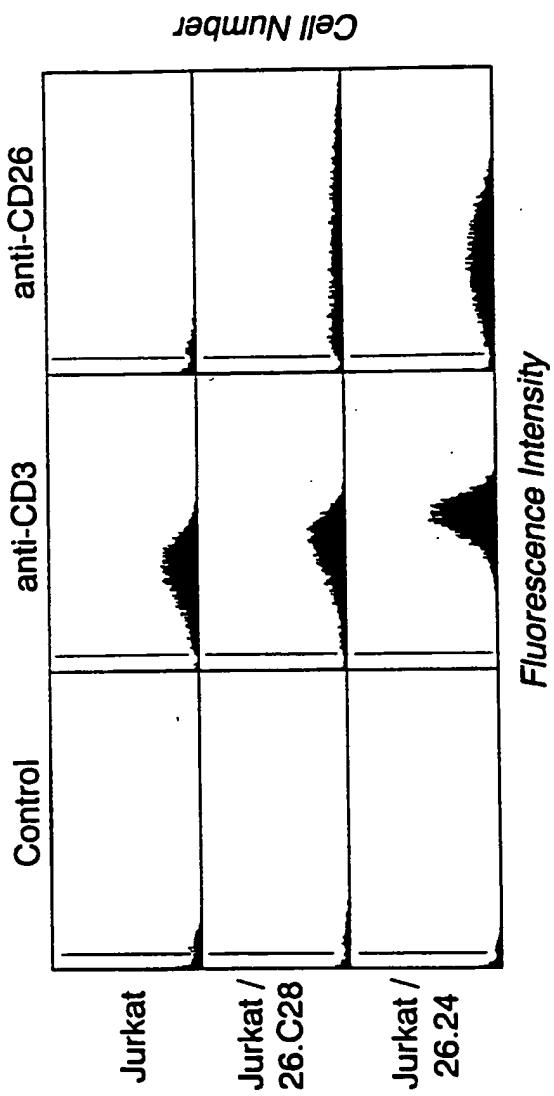


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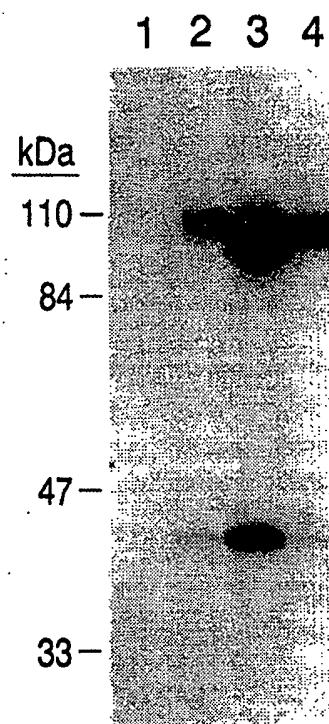


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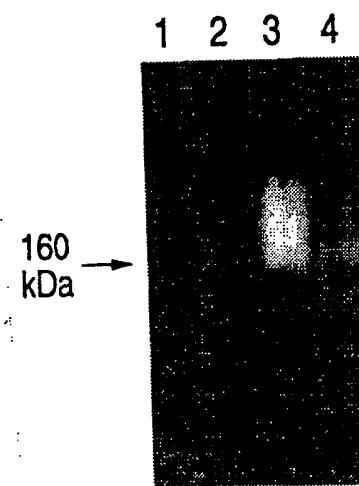


FIG. 3B

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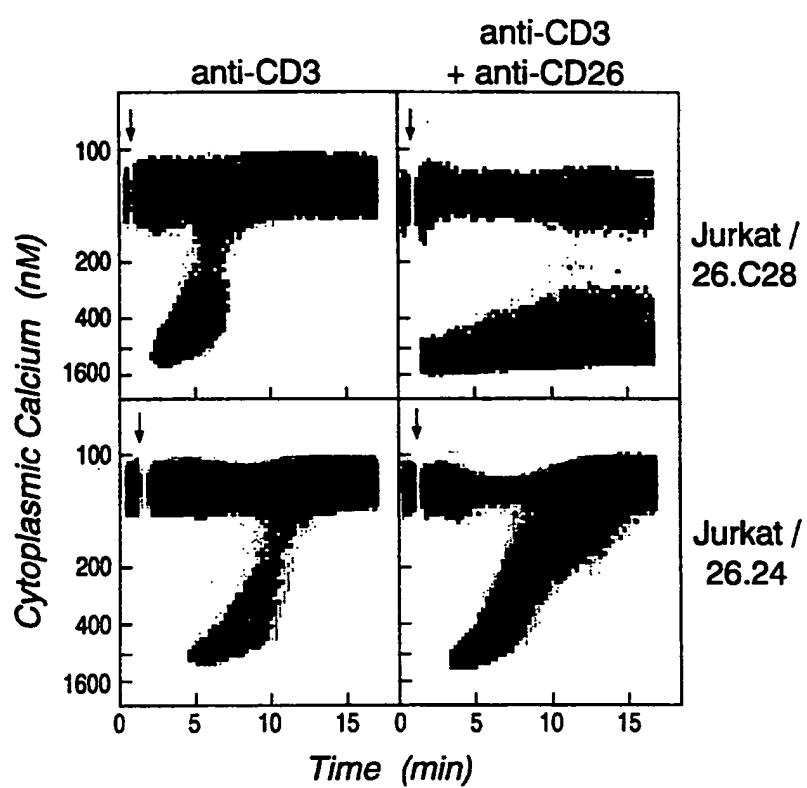


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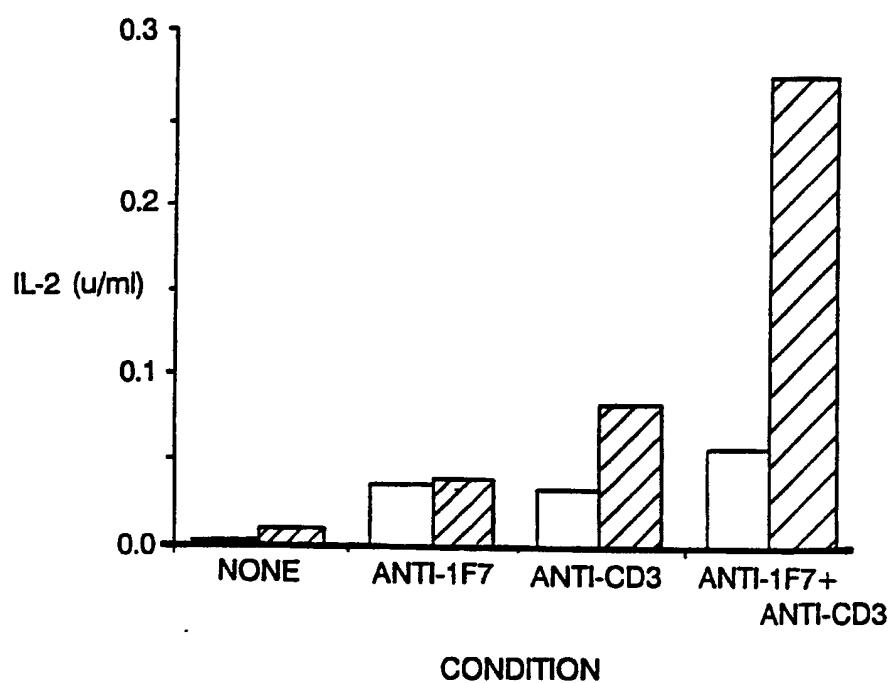


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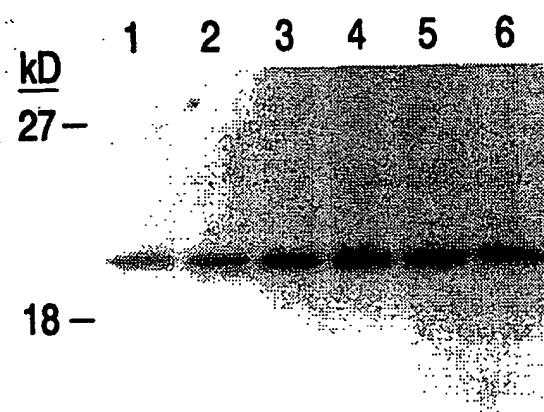


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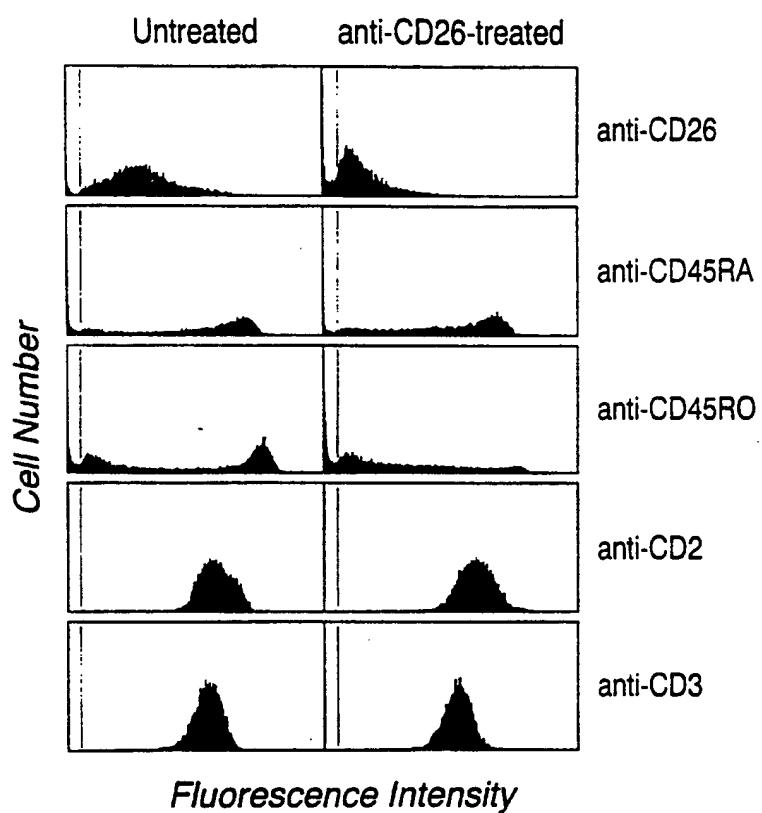


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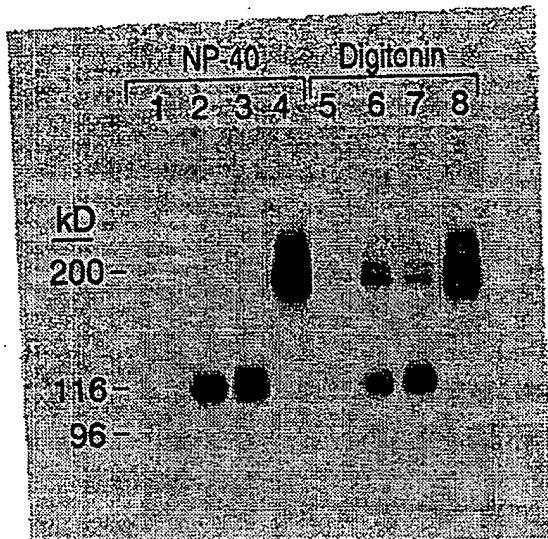


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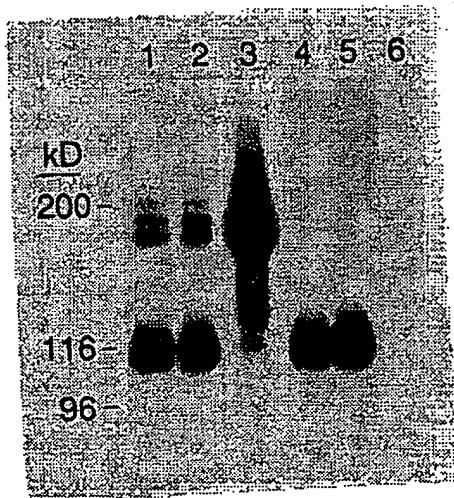


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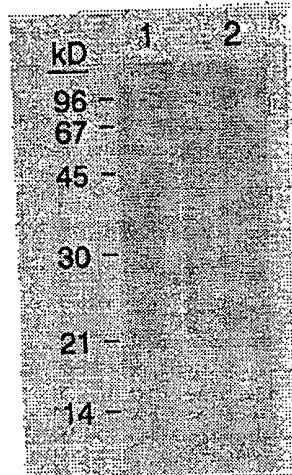


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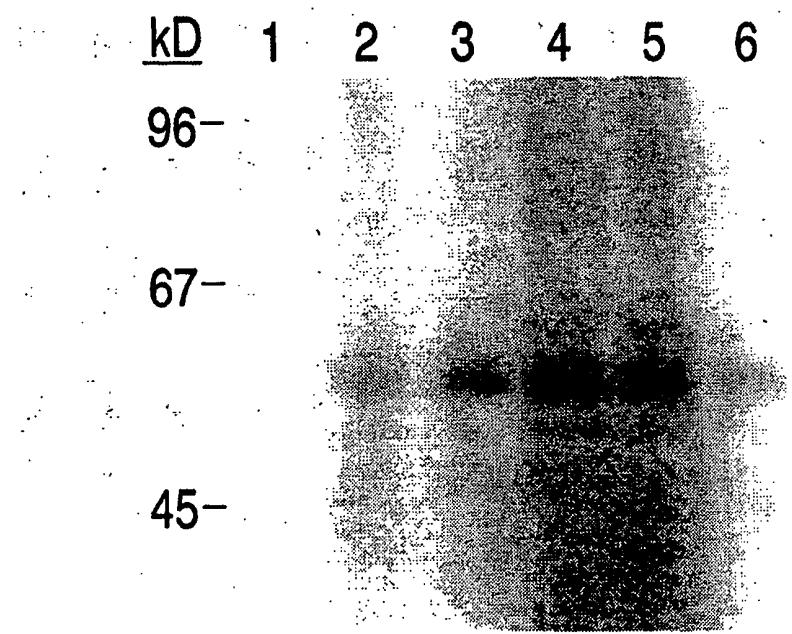


FIG. 11

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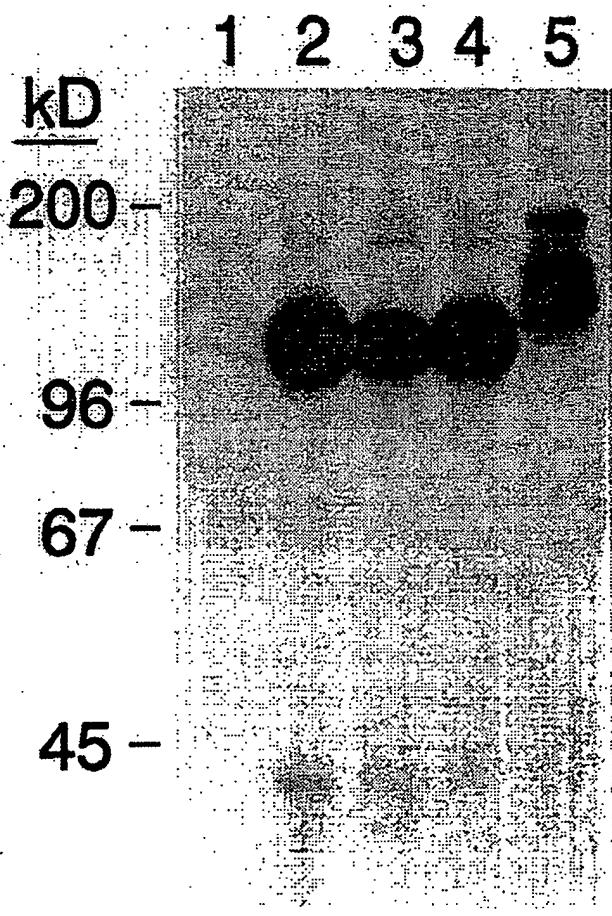


FIG. 12

CD26:	<b>MKR</b> PWKVLLGAAALVTTIITVPPVULLNKGTDDATADSRKTYTLDLKNTYRLKLYSLRWISDHEYLYKQENN 101	1	51
	LVFNAEYGNSSVFLENSTFDEFGHSINDYSISPDGQFILEYY 151		
CD26:	VKQWRHSYTASYDIYDLNKRQLITEERIPNNNTQWVTVSPVGHKLAYVWNNDIYVKIEPNLPSYRITWTGKEDIIYN 201		
	GITDWYEEEVFSAYSALMWSPTNGTFLAYAQFNDTEVPLEYSF 251		
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	RIONYSWMDICDYDESSGRWNCLVARQHIEMSTTGWVGRFRPS 351		
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	451		
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	ADTVFRLNWATYLASTENIIVASFDGRGSGYQCDKIMHAIRR 601		
CD26:	LGTFEVEDQIEAARQFSKMGFDVNKRIAIWGWSYGGYITSMLGSSGVTFKCGIAVAVAPVSRWEYYDSVUTERYMGL 651		
	701		
	TPEDNLHDHYRNSTVMSRAENFKQVEYLLIHGTADDNVHFQQS 751		
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 151

CD26: VKQWRHSYTASYDIYDLNKRQLITEERIPNNNTQWVTVSPVGHKLAXVWNNDIYVKEPNLPSYRITWTGKEDIIYN  
 201

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 251

CD26: YSDES LQXPRTV RVPYPKAGAVNPTVKFFUVNTDSLSVTNATSIQITAPASMLIGDHYLCDVTVATQERISLQWL R  
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 351

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 501

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 551

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 601

T PEDNL DHYRNSTVMSRAENFKQVEYLLIHGTADDNVHFQQS  
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CD26 : AQISKALV DVGVD FQAMWY TDEDHGIASSSTAHQIYTHMSHFIKQCFSLP  
 751

FIG. 14

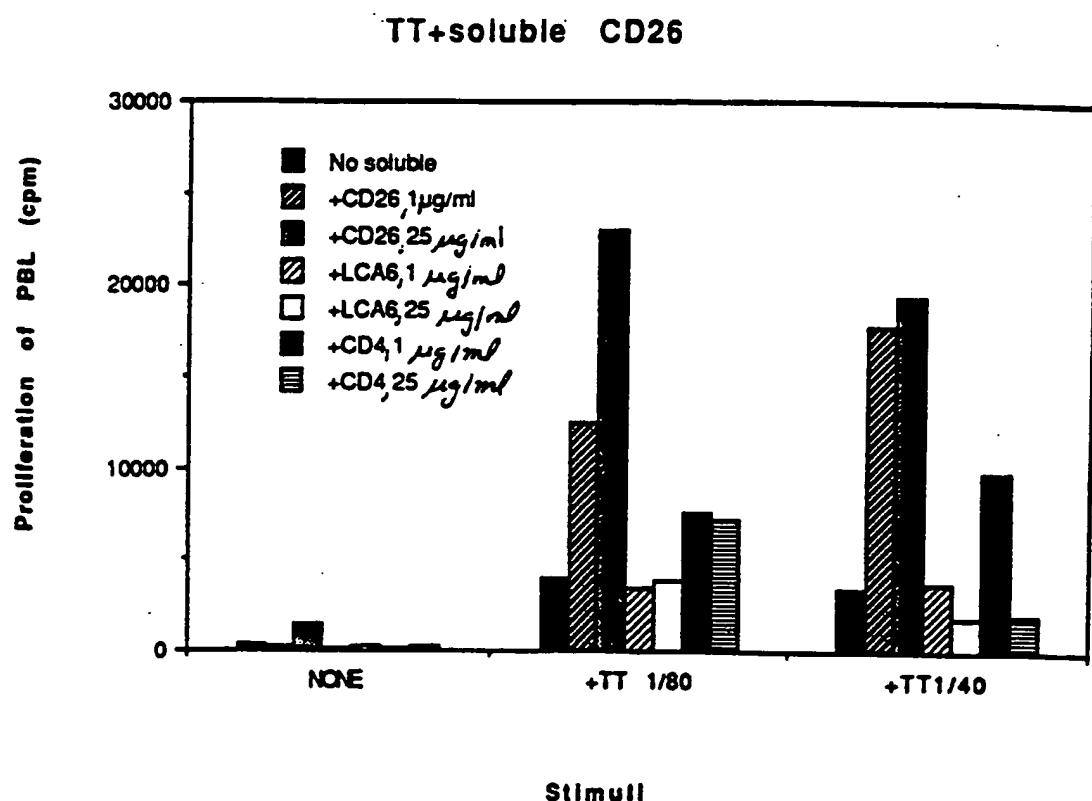
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1 MKTPWKVLLGLLGAALVTTITVPVVLLNKGTDDATADSRKTYTLTDYLKNTYRLKLYSL  
CD26:

51  
RWISDHEXYLKQENNILVMAEYGNSSVFLLENSTFDEFGHSINDYSISPDGQFILLENY  
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VKQWRHSYTASYDIYDLNKRQLITERIPNNTQWVTVSPVGHKLAYVWNNDIYVKIEPNL  
151  
PSYRITWTGKEDIIYNGITDWVYEEEVFSAYSALWWSPNGTFLAYAQFNDTEVPLIEYSF  
201  
YSDESLQYPKTKVVRVPYPKAGAVNPTVKFFVVNTDSLSVTNATSIQITAPASMLIGDHYL  
251  
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301  
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351  
EYKGMPGGRNLYKIQQLSDYTKVTCISCELMPERCQYYSVSFSKEAKYYQLRCSGPGLPLY  
401  
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451  
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501  
551  
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FIG. 16



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